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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF UNIDO PUBLIC INFORMATION
SERVICES SECTION

1. ORF (AUSTRIAN RADIO) REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER 24
NEWSCAST INTENTION OF WALDHEIM TO APPOINT AUSTRIAN
NATIONAL EBERHARD STROHAL (CURRENTLY CHIEF EDITOR
OF THE LOCAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "WOCHENPRESSE") TO
BE CHIEF OF UNIDO PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES
SECTION TO SUCCEED LELIA DOSS (EGYPTIAN) WHO HAS
HELD THE POST (D-1) SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
UNIDO. AT THE SAME TIME, STROHAL WOULD ALSO BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UN INFORMATION SERVICE IN
VIENNA, A HAT ALSO WORN BY DOSS.

2. ORF'S U.S. CORRESPONDENT (RUDOLF STOIKER)
IN COMMENTING ON THE APPOINTMENT DURING SEPT. 24 NEWSCAST
STATED INTER ALIA THAT THE REASON WALDHEIM WISHES TO HAVE
AN AUSTRIAN NATIONAL IN THIS POSITION IS QUOTE
UNDOUBTEDLY THAT THE UN SYG IS PARTICULARLY
SENSITIVE TO CRITICISMS ABOUT HIM AND HIS
ACTIVITIES FROM AUSTRIAN MEDIA AND IS VERY MUCH
CONCERNED ABOUT A GOOD IMAGE IN AUSTRIA. WITHOUT
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DOUBT, HE HOLDS THE VIEW THAT AN AUSTRIAN

JOURNALIST WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS
COULD STAND UP EASIER TO AUSTRIAN PRESS ATTACKS
THAN AN EGYPTIAN NATIONAL, ALTHOUGH SHE SPEAKS
GERMAN. UNQUOTE. STOIKER ALSO ASSERTED THAT
WALDHEIM HAD NOT CONSULTED UNIDO ON THE APPOINT-
MENT NOR SUBMITTED IT TO THE APPOINTMENTS AND
PROMOTION BOARD.

3. NEWS OF APPOINTMENT AND MANNER IN WHICH IT
APPLARENTLY MADE HAS AGITATED UNIDO STAFF ASSOCIA-
TION WHICH HAS BEEN IRRITATED BY UN MANAGEMENT
OF OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS AND WHICH HAS THEREFORE
REQUESTED CHAIRMAN OF UN STAFF UNION TO ESTABLISH
FROM SYG'S OFFICE WHETHER RADIO REPORT WAS ACCURATE
AND, IF SO, WHY CONSIDERATION WAS NOT GIVEN TO
APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED SECRETARIAT MEMBER FROM
WITHIN HOUSE OR TO CIRCULATION OF POST VACANCY
NOTICE IF LEILA DOSS WAS BEING TRANSFERRED.
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